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SUBJ: JACK ANDERSON APPROACHES UM SIM

1. AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE UM SIM TOLD US THAT HE WAS VISITED BY JACK ANDERSON ASSOCIATE, LES WHITTEN, TODAY WHO ASKED FOR COMMENTS ON TWO FANK CLASSIFIED MESSAGES REQUESTING AIR STRIKES. WHITTEN PERMITTED UM SIM AND HIS STAFF TO READ AND TAKE NOTES FROM THE PURLOINED MESSAGES, BUT WOULD NOT PERMIT PHOTOCOPIES TO BE MADE BECAUSE, HE SAID, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO TRACE THE TYPEWRITER. THE THRUST OF WHITTEN'S COMMENTS LED UM SIM TO BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE ONE OF THE MESSAGES REFERS TO THE LOCATION OF AN ENEMY HOSPITAL AND AIR STRIKES ARE REQUESTED, AN ANDERSON ARTICLE WILL INFER THAT IT IS USAF- FANK POLICY TO BOMB SUCH INSTALLATIONS. UM SIM SAID HE TRIED TO DISSUADE WHITTEN FROM THIS APPROACH BUT THAT WHITTEN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT WHILE THE USAF AVOIDED SHRINES, PAGODAS, MONUMENTS AND HOSPITALS, THESE TARGETS ARE NEVERTHELESS PASSED ON TO KAF FOR AIR STRIKES. WE ENCOURAGED UM SIM TO STRESS THAT BOMBING OF SUCH TARGETS IS CERTAINLY NOT THE POLICY OF EITHER THE USG OR THE GKR.

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2. THE FOLLOWING IS A PARAPHRASE OF ONE MESSAGE AND THE NUMBER OF THE SECOND SHOULD THE EMBASSY WISH TO APPROACH THE FANK ABOUT THIS BREACH OF SECURITY. BEGIN PARAPHRASE: FROM THE COMMANDER PREY VENG TO GHQ, EXTREMELY URGENT MESSAGE LIMDIS. 28179-0900. SENT APRIL 4, 1973 AT 7:30 PM, RECEIVED APRIL 5, 1973 AT 8:25 AM. ACCORDING TO AGENT REPORTS, THERE ARE 40 VC/ NVA MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND A HOSPITAL LOCATED AT WT 400818; 3-400 VC/ KVC AT WT 362767, WT 357766 AND WT 354764. A FIREBASE WITH SOME 20 122 MM ROCKETS IS LOCATED AT WT 450730, WT 448730, 448728 AND WT 450728. THERE MAY BE INTENTION TO ATTACK PREY VENG. REQUEST BOMBARDMENTS. VALID FOR THREE DAYS. END PARAPHRASE.

3. WHITTEN ALSO HAD A MESSAGE FROM SIEM REAP CONTAINING SIMILAR INFORMATION WITH FOLLOWING ADDRESS DATA: BEGIN PARAPHRASE: FROM CO MR IV, MESSAGE NUMBER 29 LIMDIS. 480-1350. SENT APRIL 9, 1973 AT 5:00 PM. RECEIVED FANK GHQ APRIL 9, 1973 AT 11:24 PM. END PARAPHRASE.

4. WHITTEN, ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN FACED BY UM SIM'S ARGUMENT THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE DELIBERATELY DESTROYED HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS AND PAGODAS, OFFERED TO PRINT ANY AUTHENTIC COMMUNIST DOCUMENTS IN UM SIM'S POSSESSION THAT INDICATE A POLICY OF INHUMANE ACTION BY THE VC/ NVA/ KI. ACTION REQUESTED: THERE MAY BE SOME UTILITY IN THIS. UM SIM IS WILLING TO PASS SUCH DOCUMENTS ON IF WE CAN PROVIDE THEM. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF ADDRESSEES COULD CHECK THEIR FILES AND POUCH TO EA/ LC, DEPARTMENT OF STATE ANY SUITABLE CAPTURED COMMUNIST OR INSURGENT MATERIAL AVAILABLE. RUSH

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